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SUBJECT: GREEK/TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE: GREEK AIDE MEMOIRE
PROTESTING COOPERATION U.S. COMPANY WITH TURKEY

REF: ATHENS 3237 AND STATE 112403

1. AT HIS REQUEST I CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL
VLACHOS THIS MORNING. (MAY 31). PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO PRESENT
AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH PROTESTS THE COOPERATION OF U.S. COMPANY,
GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC., OF DALLAS, TEXAS, WITH THE TURKS IN
SEISMIC TESTS IN THE DISPUTED AEGEAN AREA. GREEK NOTE ATTACHES
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MAP OF DISPUTED AREA TAKEN FROM TURKISH GAZETTE (BEING POUCHED
SEPARATELY). FULL TEXT OF NOTE, WHICH IS SELF-EXPLANATORY,

FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. REFERENCE IS MADE TO DECLARATIONS OF TURKISH OFFICIALS STATING THAT THE U.S. COMPANY, GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC., 13500 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, DALLAS, TEXAS 75222, IS ABOUT TO START, ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH PETROLEUM COMPANY, SEISMOLOGICAL TESTS IN THE AREA INDICATED IN THE CHART ATTACHED HEREWITH.

3. IN THIS RESPECT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WISHES TO SERVE THROUGH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMPANY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE AREAS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED CHART APPERTAIN TO THE GREEK CONTINENTAL SHELF.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES INC. SHOULD BE NOTIFIED THROUGH APPROPRIATE U.S. CHANNELS THAT ANY ACT OF EXPLOITATION OR EXPLORATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED GREEK CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDERTAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS PROHIBITED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (GENEVA CONVENTION ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 1, 2) WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE COASTAL STATE, NAMELY GREECE. AS FOR RESEARCH TESTS, INCLUDING PURE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONTINENTAL SHELF, THE COMPANY NEEDS ALSO THE PREVIOUS CONSENT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 5, PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE GENEVA CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, SIGNED AND RATIFIED BOTH BY GREECE AND THE U.S.A.

5. THEREFORE, IF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AMERICAN COMPANY SHOULD PERFORM ANY ACT OF EXPLOITATION, EXPLORATION OR RESEARCH TESTS, INCLUDING PURE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THE SAID COMPANY WILL DO SO AT ITS OWN RISK AND PERIL. END TEXT.

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